IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing supersedes and replaces all prior claim listings. Please amend claims 1-2, 4-7 9-12, 14-17 and 20 as follows:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable conflict management program embodied on a computer readable memory device that is to be executed by a computer of a portable terminal device, the conflict management program ~~comprising the steps of~~ when executed perform:

receiving a determination request including (a) a task execution request, (b) a termination notification of a currently executed task and (c) a state transition notification of a currently executed task;

registering an active task in an active task list in a memory;

detecting for a task conflict, to determine whether the task which issued the task execution request can be started and whether a task waiting to be executed can be started, by referencing the active task list when the ~~task execution~~ determination request is received in the ~~execution~~ determination request reception step;

determining [[the]] a state to which [[a]] the task designated by the ~~task execution~~ determination request should switch and the state to which a task registered in the active task list should switch in accordance with [[(a)]] predetermined conditions set in a conflict condition table ~~for each task and (b) a current state of each task~~ when a task conflict is detected in the conflict detection step; and

respectively placing the task designated by the ~~task execution~~ determination request and the

task registered in the active task list in the states determined in the ~~transition state~~ determination

step.

2. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable conflict management program according to

claim 1, wherein the ~~transition state~~ determination step comprises:

referencing, when a task conflict is detected in the conflict detection step, [[a]] the conflict

condition table that stores states to which conflicting tasks should switch; and

determining respectively the state to which the task designated by the ~~task execution~~

determination request should switch and the state to which the task registered in the active task

list should switch.

3. (Original) The computer-readable conflict management program according to claim 2,

wherein the active task registration step comprises:

registering the task to be executed in an execution list within the active task list; and

registering the task that should wait for execution in an execution wait list within the active

task list.

4. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable conflict management program according to

claim 3, wherein the active task registration step comprises:

selecting the task to be executed and the task that should wait for execution in accordance

with the priorities of the states determined in the ~~transition state~~ determination step;

registering the task to be executed in the execution list; and

registering the task that should wait for execution in the execution wait list.

5. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable conflict management program according to

claim 2, wherein the ~~transition state~~ determination step comprises:

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canceling the ~~task execution~~ determination request when it is determined that the task

designated by the ~~task execution~~ determination request cannot be executed.

6. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium for storing a computer-

readable conflict management program that is to be executed by a computer of a portable

terminal device and causing the computer to perform the steps of:

receiving a determination request including (a) a task execution request, (b) a termination

notification of a currently executed task and (c) a state transition notification of a currently

executed task;

registering an active task in an active task list in a memory;

detecting for a task conflict, to determine whether the task which issued the task execution

request can be started and whether a task waiting to be executed can be started, by referencing

the active task list when the ~~task execution~~ determination request is received in the ~~execution~~

determination request reception step;

determining [[the]] a state to which a task designated by the ~~task execution~~ determination

request should switch and the state to which a task registered in the active task list should switch

in accordance with [[(a)]] predetermined conditions set in a conflict conditional table for each

task ~~and (b) a current state of each task~~ when a task conflict is detected in the conflict detection

step; and

respectively placing the task designated by the ~~task execution~~ determination request and the

task registered in the active task list in the states determined in the ~~transition state~~ determination

step.

7. (Currently Amended) The storage medium according to claim 6, wherein the transition

state determination step comprises:

referencing, when a task conflict is detected in the conflict detection step, [[a]] the conflict

condition table that stores states to which conflicting tasks should switch; and

determining respectively the state to which the task designated by the task execution request

should switch and the state to which the task registered in the active task list should switch.

8. (Original) The storage medium according to claim 7, wherein the active task registration

step comprises:

registering the task to be executed in an execution list within the active task list; and

registering the task that should wait for execution in an execution wait list within the active

task list.

9. (Currently Amended) The storage medium according to claim 8, wherein the active task

registration step comprises:

selecting the task to be executed and the task that should wait for execution in accordance

with the priorities of the states determined in the ~~transition state~~ determination step;

registering the task to be executed in the execution list; and

registering the task that should wait for execution in the execution wait list.

10. (Currently Amended) The storage medium according to claim 7, wherein the ~~transition
state~~ determination step comprises:

canceling the ~~task execution~~ determination request when it is determined that the task

designated by the ~~task execution~~ determination request cannot be executed.

11. (Currently Amended) A conflict management method executed by a computer of a

portable terminal device comprising the steps of:

receiving a determination request including (a) a task execution request , (b) a termination

notification of a currently executed task and (c) a state transition notification of a currently

executed task;

registering an active task in an active task list in a memory;

detecting for a task conflict, to determine whether the task which issued the task execution

request can be started and whether a task waiting to be executed can be started, by referencing

the active task list when the ~~task execution~~ determination request is received in the ~~execution~~

determination request reception step;

determining [[the]] a state to which [[a]] the task designated by the ~~task execution~~

determination request should switch and the state to which a task registered in the active task list

should switch in accordance with [[(a)]] predetermined conditions set in a conflict condition

table for each task ~~and (b) a current state of each task~~ when a task conflict is detected in the

conflict detection step; and

respectively placing the task designated by the ~~task execution~~ determination request and the

task registered in the active task list in the states determined in the ~~transition state~~ determination

step.

12. (Currently Amended) The conflict management method according to claim 11, wherein

the ~~transition state~~ determination step comprises:

referencing, when a task conflict is detected in the conflict detection step, [[a]] the conflict

condition table that stores states to which conflicting tasks should switch; and

determining respectively the state to which the task designated by the ~~task execution~~

determination request should switch and the state to which the task registered in the active task

list should switch.

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13. (Original) The conflict management method according to claim 12, wherein the active task registration step comprises:

registering the task to be executed in an execution list within the active task list; and

registering the task that should wait for execution in an execution wait list within the active task list.

14. (Currently Amended) The conflict management method according to claim 13, wherein the active task registration step comprises:

selecting the task to be executed and the task that should wait for execution in accordance with the priorities of the states determined in the ~~transition state~~ determination step;

registering the task to be executed in the execution list; and

registering the task that should wait for execution in the execution wait list.

15. (Currently Amended) The conflict management method according to claim 12, wherein the ~~transition state~~ determination step comprises:

canceling the ~~task execution~~ determination request when it is determined that the task designated by the ~~task execution~~ determination request cannot be executed.

16. (Currently Amended) An electronic portable terminal apparatus comprising:

execution request receiver means for receiving <u>a determination request including (a)</u> a task execution request<u>, (b) a termination notification of a currently executed task and (c) a state transition notification of a currently executed task</u>;

active task registration means for registering an active task in an active task list in a memory;

conflict detection means for <u>determining whether the task which issued the task execution request can be started and whether a task waiting to be executed can be started by</u> referencing the

active task list to detect for a task conflict when the ~~task execution~~ determination request is received by the execution request receiver means;

transition state determination means for determining [[the]] a state to which a task designated by the ~~task execution~~ determination request should switch and the state to which a task registered in the active task list should switch in accordance with [[(a)]] predetermined conditions set in a conflict condition table for each task ~~and (b) a current state for each task~~ when a task conflict is detected by the conflict detection means; and

state transition means for respectively placing the task designated by the ~~task execution~~ determination request and the task registered in the active task list in the states determined by the transition state determination means.

17. (Currently Amended) The electronic apparatus according to claim 16, further comprising:

[[a]] the conflict condition table that stores states to which conflicting tasks should switch, wherein

when a task conflict is detected by the conflict detection means, the transition state determination means references the conflict condition table, and determines the state to which a task designated by the ~~task execution~~ determination request should switch and the state to which a task registered in the active task list should switch.

18. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the active task registration means registers the task to be executed in an execution list within the active task list and registers the task that should wait for execution in an execution wait list within the active task list.

19. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the active task registration means selects the task to be executed and the task that should wait for execution in accordance with the priorities of the states determined by the transition state determination means, registers the task to be executed in the execution list, and registers the task that should wait for execution in the execution wait list.

20. (Currently Amended) The electronic apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the transition state determination means cancels the ~~task execution~~ determination request when it is determined that the task designated by the ~~task execution~~ determination request cannot be executed.